

Remarks


In response to the restriction requirement, applicant elects Group II including claim 17.

Reconsideration of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested in view of new claims 18-20, which serve as linking claims. Claims 18-20 collectively recite all of the features of claim 16 in combination with the method of elected claim 17.

New claims 21-31, which depend directly or indirectly from elected claim 17, also have been added for favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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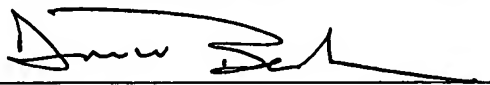
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